

Dear Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

Thank you for your work on this issue, and for your willingness to address this pressing need in our EMS system.

I fully support the PSA Task Force report and the five recommendations they brought forth. When the Task Force was created, representatives were assigned from the public sector, private sector, as well as non-profits. At that time, their positions couldn't have been any further apart. Over many months, the Task Force worked hard to find centrist ground, and I think these five recommendations represent a good compromise position.

One of the largest concerns was, and continues to be, raised on behalf of the private sector: the destabilization of the EMS system and the loss of investment by the commercial providers. Recommendation number five does an excellent job at addressing these concerns and I see no good reason for the issue to remain. In no way does recommendation number five empower municipal governments to unilaterally implement wholesale change to their local EMS plan.

Please consider this to be a letter of support for HB5580.

Sincerely,

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